(c) and (d) The infrastructure works like approach road, construction power, soil testing etc., have taken up. The land acquisition for the project is in progress. The tender for supply and erection of main plant equipment and associated works on trunkey basis has been invited in October, 1997. The project is scheduled for commissioning during the 9th Plan.

Consumption and Distribution of Power in Maharashtra

301. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the consumption pattern and distribution of available power to agricultural and industrial sectors in Maharashtra at present;

(b) whether entire demand of these sectors is being met;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The average consumption pattern and distribution of available power to Agriculture and Industrial sector in Maharashtra in the recent past is an follows:

Category	Percentage
Domestic	17
Commercial	6
Industries	40
Public Lighting	1
Traction	3
Agriculture	30
Public Water Works	3
Miscellaneous	—
	100

(b) to (d) There is no power cut on industrial and agricultural sectors in Maharashtra. Therefore, the entire demand of these sectors is being met.

Additional power generation during the Ninth Five Year Plan

302. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase power generation during the 9th five year plan period;

(b) if so, the various sources through which additional power is proposed to be generated in the said plan period;

(c) whether Government are laying emphasis on the renovation and modernisation of power projects;

(d) if so, the funds earmarked therefor in the 9th plan;

(e) the additional power expected to be generated by renovating and modernising the power plant; and

(f) the total amount of investment proposed to be made in power sector in the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (f) The Ninth Plan has not been finalised. Physical targets and the resources required have consequently not yet been firmed up. However, during the 9th Plan, it is proposed to develop all the appropriate and available fuels/ sources to generate additional power. From stations identified for renovation and modernisation (Phase II), an additional generation of about 19 billion units is expected.

During 1997-98, the target for generation is 429 billion units as compared to 394.4 billion units generated last year. This consists of 343.8 billion units from thermal, 8.S from nuclear and 76.7 from hydro generating stations.